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In Re Application of : January 23, 2003  
C. Conan, et al : Group Art No.: 2863  
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Anne Vachon Dougherty  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002. The three month statutory period expires on January 23, 2003; and, therefore, this is a response within the statutory period and no additional fee is due.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants wish to submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims, amend Claims 1, 15, 17 and 19 as set forth on the following pages.